

## CHAPTER 143.

**An act to provide lumber inspectors for the counties of Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey.***The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*County commis-  
sioners may ap-  
point inspectors  
of logs, &c.

Term of office.

Duties.

Record book.

Open to inspec-  
tion.

Oath of inspector.

Bond.

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valid.Compensation of  
inspector.

SECTION 1. That the board of commissioners of the several counties at any meeting of their respective boards upon petition of any three freeholders of a township may appoint one or more, not exceeding three, qualified electors of such township as inspectors and measurers of logs, timber and lumber in and for the county wherein said township is situate, who shall hold office until the thirty-first day of the second December next after their appointment and qualification or until their successors may be qualified, whose duty it shall be, upon request of any purchaser or seller of logs, timber, lumber sold within the township where such inspector resides, to inspect and measure such logs, timber and lumber according to the established rules of timber and lumber measurement, and to furnish each party to the transaction with a certificate of the result of such inspection and measurement; and said inspector shall keep in a suitable bound book a record of all logs, timber and lumber inspected and measured by him, together with the marks or brands, if any, and the names of the purchaser and seller, the number of feet and the date of said inspection and measurement, which record shall be open to the inspection of the public and preserved and delivered to his successor in office.

SEC. 2. That inspectors appointed under this act before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such shall take and subscribe to an oath before the board of county commissioners appointing therein to faithfully discharge the duties of their office, and shall also enter into bond with good and sufficient sureties in the sum of five hundred dollars payable to the state of North Carolina, conditioned to be void if such inspector shall faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of his office; such oath and bond to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the register shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents for recording the oath and bond of each inspector.

SEC. 3. That no inspection or measurement of logs, timber or lumber by any other person than an inspector created by this act shall be valid or binding in any sale of logs, timber or lumber, unless the same shall be mutually agreed upon prior to such sale by the parties thereto.

SEC. 4. That the inspector shall be allowed for his services ten cents per thousand feet for logs and timber measured and inspected and forty cents per thousand feet of lumber, to be paid one-half by each